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The statement has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to

the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements 5 based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1). As to the statement required under 37 CFR 1.97(e), see MPEP 609 (B(2)) (page 600-107, right col, lines 1-16).

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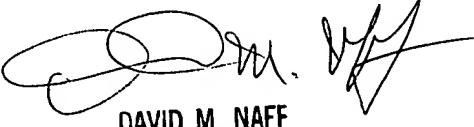
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